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SUBJ: AIR SAFETY IN INDIA

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1. STATISTICS ON SAFETY RECORD INDIAN AIRLINES NOT AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON.

2. EVEN IF STATISTICS WERE AVAILABLE, USG AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH AIR SAFETY, SUCH AS FAA AND NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE JUDGMENT THAT INDIAN AIRLINES SAFE OR UNSAFE. SUCH DETERMINATION RESTS WITH GOI IN ITS REGULATORY CAPACITY. IT
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WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR USG TO RAISE ISSUE OF NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY OF AIRLINE. GOI COULD RIGHTLY, AND PROBABLY WOULD, RESENT SUCH ACTION AS CRITICISM OF ITS REGULATORY ROLE AND INTERVENTION IN MATTER WHOLLY WITHIN INDIAN JURISDICTION. SAME WOULD HOLD WITH REGARD TO A US APPROACH TO ICAO WHICH INEVITABLY WOULD GET BACK TO INDIAN AUTHORITIES.

3. IN RECENT CASES WHERE SAFETY OF FOREIGN AIRLINE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED OR PROBLEM HAS ARISEN RELATED TO OPERATION OF AIRLINE (IN CONTRAST TO ITS REGULATION) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY EXPERIENCED US AIR CARRIERS HAS PROVED BENEFICIAL, BUT IN SUCH CASES IMPETUS HAS COME FROM FOREIGN AIRLINE CONCERNED. IF INDIAN AIRLINES EXPRESSES INTEREST IN SUCH ASSISTANCE, DEPT WOULD INFORM US CARRIERS. PORTER

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